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HEADLINES: CUMHURIYET - State Economic Enterprises not included in Advance Salary Payment Law...MILLIYET - JP National Assembly Group accepts increase pay for local Government officials alone...HURRIYET - Espionage in Brussels.. A Turk has been caught giving NATO secret documents to the Russians...YENI GAZETE - Pensioners' salaries to be increased...SON HAVADIS - NATO Foreign Ministers met.. The attention of the United States drawn to Soviet threats...ULUS - Inonu's message to RPP Isparta provincial convention: Our basic complaint is partisanship...

## A. FOREIGN NEWS

- 1. Pipinelis lauds Turkish-Greek friendship: DUNYA (United Nations-A.A.) Greek Foreign Minister Panayotis Pipinelis, who delivered a speech at the UN General Assembly last night, pointed out the "happy developments" in the Turkish-Greek relations on the subject of Cyprus and said, "I have great confidence that Turkey and Greece will regain their former role in this region of the world with the understanding prevailing in these countries between 1930-1952. This situation will be for the good of international community and above all in the interests of the peoples of the two countries."
- 2. No Soviet attempt to regulate navigation in Straits: MILLIYET (Ankara) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Information Department gave information yesterday about news reports that the Russians would capture the Straits under the guise of regulating navigation in them and said that no report had been received on this subject. "The Soviet Union has made no attempt to regulate navigation in the Straits," it was revealed.

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs it is possible that the Soviet Union discussed this subject with the Turkish delegation which visited Russia and may have brought up the question of safer and better navigation in the Straits. According to the Montreux Convention, it is Turkey's duty to regulate navigation in the Straits and it is out of the question for any other country to interfere.

HURRIYET (Ankara-HA) - Foreign Ministry spokesman Oktay Iscen said yesterday that the NATO Ministerial Council would meet in November instead of December this year. No information was given about the reason for this change, but it is learned from competent authorities that it could be concerned with the political situation after the invasion of Czechoslovakia and the military balance between NATO and Warsaw Pact countries.

- 3. Tito assigns Begic as Ambassador to Turkey: CUMHURIYET (Belgrade) President Tito of Yugoslavia has assigned Muhittin Begic as his country's Ambassador to Ankara. Muhittin Begic is 50 and a member of the Yugoslav Communist Party Central Committee. Begic who participated in the national liberation war from the very first day, held important military and political positions during World War II.
- 4. Turkish official caught spying in NATO: HURRIYET (Ankara-Cuneyt Arcayurek) The Chief Financial Controller at the NATO headquarters in Brussels, Nahit Imre, has been arrested on charges of espionage. Imre was employed as financial counselor of the Turkish Embassy in Rome before he entered NATO in 1967. He was caught red-handed in Brussels giving secret documents about NATO to the Soviets. No information has been given about what these documents contained. Imre was an employee of NATO, but his assignment was endorsed by Turkish authorities. He was also financial advisor to Secretary General Manlio Brosio. He is a graduate of Galatasaray Lyceum and the Istanbul Law Faculty.
- 5. Economic aid to Cyprus: YENI GAZETE (Ankara-YG) Official sources revealed yesterday that the economic aid to be given to the Turkish Cypriot community would be much more than TL 5 million in order to reinforce the economic conditions of the Turks on the island. They would be given unspecified amounts of short-term commercial loans, in addition to long-term loans and grants for displac Turks.